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A LEGEND OF PEARL RIVER.

(Written for the GAZETTE.)

When the gold and red was climbing
up the pallid eastern sky
And a rosy light was shining o'er the
peaks of Waianae;
A maiden lulled to slumber by the
hoarse-voiced ocean's roar,
Lay dreaming in her cabin by the
lowly rocky shore.

When a voice from out the water came
across the rocks and sands,
And in tones of thunder uttered to the
maiden its commands!
The great shark god had spoken, and
to the girl said:
"Why are you steeped in slumber
when the hills are gleaming red?"

"Why do you sleep, Oh maiden! when
the heralds of the day,
Have bathed the hills in light, and
flung their glory o'er the bay?
I am weary, faint, and worn in my
home beneath the sea,
And the soothing cup of awa you must
forthwith bring to me.

"I am sure you will not fail me, for
you know my will is law,
I am waiting for you, maiden, in my
home beyond Kekaa;
Where often you have seen me, when
of shells you were in quest,
You may come and fear not, and obey
the shark's behest."

Lightly rose the maiden from her
couch upon the floor,
And with soft and silent footsteps
glided through the open door;
A bunch of awa bearing in her brown
and shapely hands,
And hastened on her journey by a
stretch of yellow sands.

Across the coral bars she went with
footsteps light and fleet,
Though the rugged coral ledges left
their scars upon her feet;
'Till she reached the place appointed
and when she looked beneath,
She saw the glaring eyes and the rows
of gleaming teeth.

The mighty shark lay watching her
as she prepared the drink,
And when she had it ready, she
walked up to the brink,
And poured the soothing draught
down the shark's capacious maw,
Fearing not the gleaming teeth, or
the monster's ponderous jaw.

Then he sank beneath the waters, and
the bubbles round him rose;
And his voice was low and muffled as
he sank to his repose!
Yet the maiden heard him calling
from his den beneath the main,
"You must come to me tomorrow
with the soothing draught again!"

Day after day she journeyed with the
drink she had prepared,
And beneath her fostering care full
well the great shark fared;
Through all the wondering isles for
proofs he was famed,
When the Po of Kane came the
priests a feast proclaimed.

The canoes swung down the rivers
beneath the heavy loads
Of chickens, pigs, and taro to propi-
tiate the gods;
The heavy laden vessels filled the
smooth unruffled ponds
And the wide lanais were shining
with the fragrant malle fronds.

The people thronged the beaches in
their gold and scarlet leis,
And among them came a princess; a
maid beyond all praise—
A fair Hawaiian Venus—a looked and
longed-for prize,
By the warriors who basked them in
the glory of her eyes.

At length the feast was over, and be-
yond mid-afternoon
The maid, Papio named, made her
way to the lagoon
And embarked with her retainers to
take her journey home,
O'er the shining coral beds lying deep
beneath the foam.

When she reached Pokela and the
sun still brightly shone,
A vagrant fancy seized her, she would
wander home alone,
Though the fisherman protested that
her home she'd never reach
She persisted, and unwillingly they
rowed toward the beach.

So she landed and she wandered by
the blue Pacific's rim,
Chanting by the way some old-time
Hawaiian hymn,
'Till she caught some far-off glimpses
of her dead father's land
When a whirlwind tossed around her
the straying leaves and sand.

The wild winds that played around
her, enveloped her in dust,
And her raven hair was covered by a
cowl-like yellow rust,
So to the shore she hurried to wash
the stains away,
And lifting up her shining eyes she
gazed across the bay.

She saw upon the further shore an
ancient female stand,
Who held a splendid feather wreath
within her withered hand.
This woman—named Aiolo—was the
grand-dame of the maid
Who had daily fed the shark—to
whom she often prayed.

To the ladies in all countries the love
of dress aye clings;
The sight of golden feathers from be-
neath the oo's wing—
And the scarlet of the Iwi, raised
within Papio's breast,
A longing to possess them, and she
shouted this request.

"Oh! Aiolo, will you give me that
wreath that you possess,
It is not for one like you who need
care no more for dress;
I will give you pigs and taro, and all
the fish you need,
Oh! answer quick, Aiolo, to my plea
do you accede?"

But, Aiolo, proud and surly, shouted
back across the wave,
And to the beauteous princess her an-
swer thus she gave:
"Do you think, oh! Papio, I would
give this feathery ring
To deck your ugly form or adorn so
vile a thing?"

Do you think that pigs and chickens
are owned by you alone?
What right have you to ask me for
this glorious feather zone?
I will not give to you, and your
wrath I little reck,
I'd rather see it burning than around
your bloated neck!"

This raised Papio's temper, and across
the lake she cried—
While her heart beat quick with pas-
sion and fire flashed in her eyes—
"Oh! list to me, Aiolo, of my anger
have a care;
I'm a princess, and can punish! I
warn you to beware!"

But Aiolo scorned the warning, and
back to her she cried:
"Your words are like the vapor that
a moment clouds the skies!
You have no power to punish me, I
heed not what you say;
May your fish and taro choke you!"
and then she turned away.

Yet she feared Papio's anger, though
she seemed so stout of heart,
And in prayer besought the shark,
that he would take her part.
Papio then sat down amid the ocean
weeds and wrack,
And her raven locks were hanging in
waves above her back.

She bent above the waters, and her
rippling waves of hair
Dipped into the flood just above the
dread shark's lair;
The wily shark drew near, in his lust
for human blood—
Seized the luckless maiden—drew her
down beneath the flood.

He harmed her not, but swam across
to where Aiolo stood;
Aiolo waved her hands and cried:
"Oh! shark, we've given you food;
I fear Papio's vengeance and I dare
not let her free;
Slay her, shark, Oh! slay her! this
one boon I crave of thee."

He closed his ponderous jaws, and the
erstwhile crystal flood
Was dyed in one short minute with
poor Papio's blood;
A sweet but fiendish triumph all the
beldame's hard heart fills,
As one wild shriek of anguish died
away among the hills.

Through all Aiolo's after life she
seemed beneath a curse,
Her heart was filled with bitterness—
the Nemesis remorse
Pursued her night and day, until she
kneled beside the main
And prayed the shark that he would
ne'er touch humankind again.

Her earnest prayer was answered, and
the old-time legend said,
The sharks along the coast 'tween
Waianae and Koko Head,
Like nesting doves, were harmless,
and they drove all sharks abroad
With untamed ferocious natures who
came near their abode.

The hoar old legend's ended, and the
locomotive runs
By coral caves and golden sands, be-
neath the sultry suns,
And the great shark god, 'mong others
in olden days supreme,
Has vanished from the islands, like
the fabric of a dream.

CHARLES H. EWART,
Dalbeattie, Scotland,
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muscular force would be necessary
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most total absence of a neck obvi-
ates the difficulty and the trunk
serves as a substitute. The uses
and advantages of a long neck, pec-
uliarly exemplified in the giraffe,
which contains only the same num-
ber of vertebral articulations as in
the elephant, are in the latter sup-
plied by the trunk or proboscis, by
which he is enabled to carry food
to his mouth and to drink by suc-
tion. This curious organ contains
a vast number of muscles variously
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